

**SUMMARY REPORT
OF COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN AT THE JULY 29, 2009, SPECIAL MEETING**

This summary is a statement of legal actions taken by the Cottonwood City Council at a regular meeting pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(D), and is being provided as required by A.R.S. § 38-431.01(D.).

Council Members Present: Mayor Diane Joens, Vice Mayor Karen Pfeifer, Council Members Tim Elinski, Duane Kirby, Linda Norman, Terence Pratt, Darold Smith.

Mayor Joens called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

BUILDING STRUCTURE ISSUES WITH THE CURRENT MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING AND OPTIONS FOR HOUSING THE COTTONWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL LEASE AND/OR PURCHASE OF A FACILITY TO HOUSE THE COURT OPERATIONS

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(B) the Council may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02.(B) and A.R.S. § 38-431.03. (3) (7) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with attorney or attorneys of the public body or discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

Mr. Lueder informed the Council that the existing municipal court facility had serious structural issues and high levels of mold were found in samples taken from two of the supporting walls in the back of the facility due to drainage issues in the back of the building. A professional architect was consulted to determine the extent of the structural issues and provide recommendations on options to correct the deficiencies which were found to be high in cost. Staff also researched potential new locations to house the municipal court operation and found the Carpet One building at the corner of 6th Street and Mingus Avenue to be the best location and building for the court.

The Council resolved into executive session to discuss the potential purchase or lease of a building for the municipal court.

After returning to regular session the city attorney stated he would be drafting a letter of intent as directed by the Council under executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.